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Former Terp Leonard Elmore Addresses Winter '97 Graduates

Leonard Elmore

On Sunday, Dec. 21, the University of Maryland celebrates its Winter 1997 Commencement at Cole Field House. The 1 p.m. ceremony is a very special event for graduates and their families, says Pres. William E. Kirwan, but faculty and staff will find the commencement memorable as well.

Graduates, led by student marshals, will process into Cole and will be seated together on the main floor. Faculty in full regalia also will march in the processional and will be seated together.

Kirwan is especially pleased to have Leonard Elmore, Class of '78 delivering the commencement address. For his public service and advocacy on behalf of higher education, Elmore will be presented with a President's Citation.

Since his days as a Maryland basketball powerhouse, Elmore has been a generous and spirited contributor to his alma mater. In his current roles as member of the university's Board of Visitors, the University of Maryland Foundation Board of Directors and, most recently, as co-chair, with his wife, Gail Segal Elmore, of the Bold Vision•Bright Future Scholarship Campaign, Elmore exemplifies the interest and loyalty of many of the University of Maryland's successful alumni.

Elmore's role model since childhood, he says, was Paul Robeson. "He was a true neo-Renaissance individual. I was amazed at a life that could have so many facets. He was an All-American athlete in college, a lawyer, an actor, an accomplished concert singer." Elmore has developed his own array of facets, as a collegiate All-American, a professional basketball player for nine years, a Harvard-trained lawyer, an assistant district attorney, a sports commentator and principal at a sports management firm. He is not taking singing lessons, he insists.

One of his goals at Precept Sports, where he managed stars like Walt Williams '92, Harold Miner from USC and Olympic gold medalist Dominique Dawes, was to guide his clients on a path that would prepare them to take leadership roles in their communities during and after their sports careers. "I've always had the philosophy that whatever it is you give, that is what you are going to get," says Elmore. "If you don't give something back, you become one-dimensional. Most careers are finite. When you come to take your place among the community, you want respect, and if you haven't done anything during the time you are at the top to get it, you're not going to get it when the status is gone."

Currently a partner with Patton Boggs L.L.P., Elmore represents client interests in business development and sports law issues, and continues in his role as sports commentator with ESPN. He also was appointed by Gov. Parris Glendening to the Tourism Development Board for the State of Maryland.

Also offering remarks at the Dec. 21 ceremony is Raymond Peters, a graduating senior in archaeology who was chosen as the student speaker. More about Peters can be found on page 2.

At this commencement, the five most popular undergraduate majors of degree applicants are criminology and criminal justice (189), government and politics

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New Campus Recreation Center is One Fabulous Fitness Facility

Eat, drink and be merry this holiday season for next month you will have a tremendous athletic facility at your disposal. Be you fitness fanatic or couch potato, you will rejoice when you see the university's new campus recreation center, located on north campus. The $40 million, 230,000 square foot facility is a spectacular jewel in the university's crown, and truly offers something for everyone.

Slated to open in late January, the new recreation center houses two pools and a diving area, a bi-level weight room, martial arts room, fitness center, one-tenth-mile indoor track, an outdoor recreation center, racquetball, handball, wallyball and squash courts, a cafe, lounges, aerobic room, two gyms for basketball, volleyball and badminton, a pro shop and a conference room. And that's just inside.

Outdoor facilities include a lap pool with a diving board, lockers and showers, children's splash pool, sand volleyball court and a snack bar/grill operated by Dining Services.

The cost for faculty and staff to take advantage of all these fitness opportunities, and those at Ritchie Coliseum, is a proposed $156 a year, or $52 per semester and $26 per summer session. CRS marketing coordinator Amy Terhaar says the fee currently is under consideration by Campus Administration.

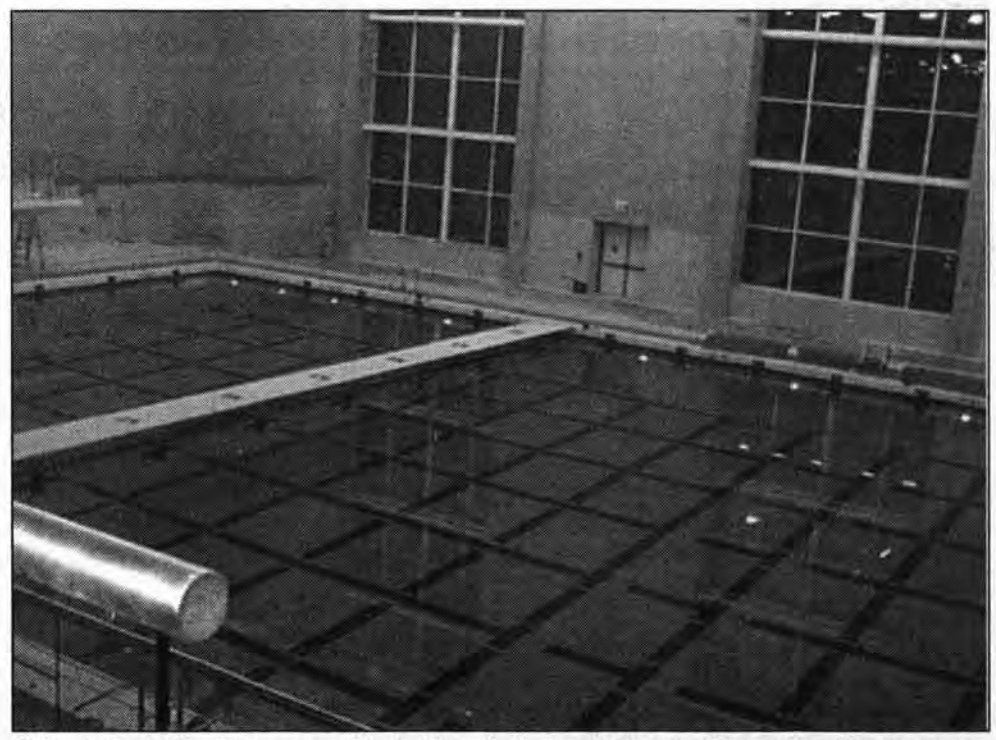
According to Terhaar, memberships can start or stop at any time, and the fee will be pro rated to the month. There is the possibility of payroll deduction ($6 per pay), but Terhaar says the State requires 1,000 committed memberships before it will grant permission for that option. Current CRS facility users should note that the new fee includes use of the Ritchie Coliseum facilities as well.

With the opening of the Campus Recreation Center, CRS will be able to offer spouse and dependent memberships for the first time. Those proposed fees are the same as for faculty and staff.

Late last week, roughly 150 faculty and staff took a preliminary tour of the new recreation center. Even amidst the dust and dirt that remained on many of the floors and some of the unfinished areas, the facility was impressive.

One of the real showpieces is the indoor aquatic center, with its 50-meter, eight-lane lap pool and 25-yard instructional pool. Like an enormous greenhouse, the three-story space is banked by a wall of windows facing the woods and windows overhead. Also located in the indoor aquatic center are two dry saunas and "wet classrooms," designed for instruction that takes place in and out of the pool.

For those who prefer their recreation in the great outdoors, CRS is particularly enthusiastic about its outdoor recreation center. A rental service will provide everything from lanterns and stoves to canoes and kayaks. And a resource area will offer maps and other information needed to get you where you're going. The outdoor recreation center also will organize weekend trips such as day hikes, backpacking trips, rock climbing and canoe trips.



This photo of the indoor aquatic center, at the new Campus Recreation Center, only hints at the enormity of the place, which houses a 50-meter lap pool, 25-yard instructional pool, diving well, dry saunas and spectator seating for 1,000.

When you come to pick up your rental equipment, you'll simply pull up to the garage located at the rear of the campus recreation center, the staff will load the items into (or onto) your car, and away you'll go.

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Raymond Peters Makes the Grade as Transfer Student

Anthropology professor William Taft Stuart, who chaired Raymond Peters' honors thesis committee, says that this December's student speaker is one of the most mature young scholars with whom he has ever worked. Despite that accolade, in the years before he arrived at Maryland as a transfer student in 1995, Peters little thought that the letters B.A. or B.S. would ever follow his name. Instead, it seemed his future would focus on the three-letter combinations he dealt with every day as an airlines baggage handler: ORD, LAX, BWI.

Raymond Peters

In 1983, Peters withdrew from North Carolina State University after two semesters. Although he had done well in high school, university work neither interested nor engaged him. Instead, he took full-time employment with Piedmont Airlines, eventually moving to Pensacola, Fla., in 1989. It was there, where Peters lived five minutes away from the beach, that he decided to take advantage of his job's travel benefits, see the world, and "surf as much as possible."

The year before, Peters had married Patricia Garrett, who began a master's program in psychology at the University of West Florida when the couple moved to Pensacola. Prompted by his wife's urging and his own interest, Peters took an undergraduate sociology course. Liking the intellectual challenge, he soon branched out to psychology and cultural anthropology. Living in Florida also allowed the couple to spend more time with his wife's Vietnamese relatives, many of whom lived in Orlando. Increasingly, Peters found that what he was learning in the classroom helped him perceive and articulate the contrasts between his American and Vietnamese families.

An extremely organized man, Peters knows serendipity plays a role in individuals' lives. During several trips to rural Bali, Indonesia, he got to know local people well. Late one afternoon, while sitting on the front steps of a house in the countryside, Peters says he realized that the intellectual questions that truly excited him were those that asked why people from different cultures behaved differently or had different expectations of each other and of life. Anthropology, he believed, would provide the tools for that exploration.

After Patricia Garrett Peters finished her master's program and entered the University of Maryland's doctoral program in human development, Peters divided his time between Pensacola and Maryland. He would work double shifts two or three days a week in Florida, then head north to attend classes at Montgomery College.

More than a dozen years after his abbreviated university experience, Peters enrolled as an anthropology major at Maryland. Drawing upon his experiences with his wife's extended family and a trip to Vietnam in 1993, his senior thesis focuses on kinship and culture change among resettled Vietnamese. The work has so engaged him that he hopes to pursue graduate study. Says Peters, "Life is learning about and from other people."

December 1997 Commencement Schedule of Events

Campus-wide Commencement
1 p.m. Cole Student Activities Bldg.

Agriculture and Natural Resources Graduation Ceremony
4 p.m. University of Maryland University College Auditorium

Architecture Graduation Ceremony
4 p.m. Architecture Auditorium

Arts and Humanities Graduation Ceremonies
3:30 p.m. Art History: Art/Sociology Bldg., Room 2309
9:30 a.m. Art Studio: Art/Sociology Bldg., Room 2203
3 p.m. Comparative Literature
Dance
English
Theatre
Women's Studies: Tawes Theatre
3:30 p.m. Foreign Languages Classics Linguistics: Tydings Hall, Room 0130
3:30 p.m. History
Jewish Studies
Russian Area Studies: Skinner Bldg., Room 0200
3:30 p.m. Philosophy: Skinner Bldg., Room 1125
3:30 p.m. Speech Communication Francis Scott Key Hall, Room 0106

Behavioral and Social Sciences Graduation Ceremony
4:00 p.m. Reckord Armory

Business and Management Graduation Ceremony
4:00 p.m. Cole Student Activities Bldg.

Computer, Mathematical and Physical Sciences Graduation Ceremony
4 p.m. Memorial Chapel

Education Graduation Ceremony
5 p.m. Tawes Theatre

A. James Clark School of Engineering Graduation Ceremony
4 p.m. Ritchie Coliseum

Health and Human Performance Graduation Ceremony
4:00 p.m. Cole Student Activities Bldg., Room 2240

Individual Studies Graduation Ceremony
4 p.m. Anne Arundel Hall

Journalism Graduation Ceremony
4:00 p.m. Hoff Theatre

Library and Information Services Graduation Ceremony
4:00 p.m. Zoology-Psychology Bldg., Room 1240

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Life Sciences Graduation Ceremony
6:30 p.m. Memorial Chapel

Campus Recreation Center a Fabulous Facility

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One advantage of having the new campus recreation center is that users no longer will be required to show multiple identification to gain admittance to the facility. Instead, users will show one card at the main entrance, and no cards will be needed at the different fitness areas.

A towel service, at a proposed fee of $25 per semester or $65 per year is being offered to members. In addition, CRS will provide complimentary towels in the fitness areas. Should you need weight belts, rackets or other equipment, the equipment check-out area outside of the enormous locker rooms offers it all. The pro shop also will have such items available for purchase, along with t-shirts, locks, juices and sandwiches.

By mid-March, CRS hopes to provide personal trainers to any individual interested in having someone help develop a fitness training routine for him or her. On-the-spot assistance will be provided by CRS staff located in each of the fitness and weight areas.

The new facility is wheelchair accessible and has two elevators, a ramp access to the instructional pool, and wheelchair-accessible equipment in the weight room.

If minimal exertion is more your idea of fitness, check out the 50-inch projection television located in the lounge area. Grab some lunch and take in the action on the big screen.

During the second week in January, CRS will be offering tours of the facility to interested faculty and staff. "We know people want to see what they're buying into before they join," says Terhaar. "I don't blame them. I would, too, " she says, noting that she can be reached at 314-7217 for more information about the tours. Information about the new recreation center and the tours also can be found on CRS's web site: www.inform.umd.edu/CRS.

Elmore Addresses Winter Grads.

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(165), computer science (160), English language and literature (150) and accounting (146). The most popular master's degrees are MBA (95), MS, mechanical engineering (55) and MEd, counseling and personnel services (43).

Listed above are the separate college and department graduation ceremonies being held throughout the weekend. At these ceremonies, graduates will march in procession and be recognized individually. From 2 to 5 p.m. on the 21st, a reception for graduates and their families, faculty, staff and special guests takes place in the Grand Ballroom of the Stamp Student Union.

"Your presence is important to the success of the day and will contribute significantly to the sense of community and tradition that we are all working together to build at College Park," says Kirwan. "Please join me in celebrating our students and the educational mission of this institution."

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Separating Fact from Fiction

Katheryn Russell Exposes the Realities of Crime and Race

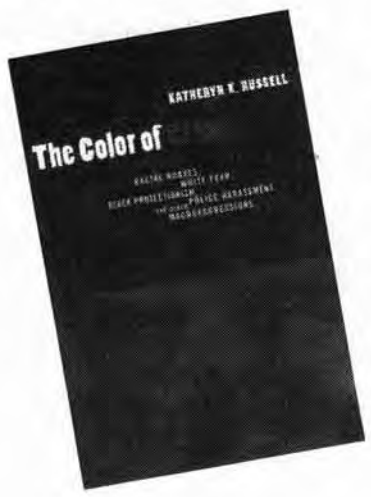
Why do Black and White Americans perceive police actions so differently? Is White fear of Black crime justified? Do African Americans really "protect their own?" Should they?

These and other hard-hitting questions are explored in "The Color of Crime," a bold new book by University of Maryland criminology professor Katheryn Russell.

When Americans are asked what concerns them most about the direction of the country, crime and racial tensions invariably figure prominently in the answer, notes Russell.

In the minds of many, these two problems are inextricably linked. Yet our opinions and beliefs about race and crime are often informed as much by myth and preconception as by fact and reality, she says.

In "The Color of Crime" (New York University Press, January, 1998), Russell attempts to sort the fact from the fiction to expose the realities of crime and race. To do this, she uses information gleaned from interviews with young Black men, an examination of the media's treatment of crime, a scientific look at the U.S. justice system, and lessons learned from cases that captured national attention.



Most notable among the higher profile cases was the O.J. Simpson criminal trial.

Russell explores why so many Blacks supported Simpson, ultimately using the term "Black protectionism" to describe this phenomenon.

She also examines racial hoaxes—false allegations of crime based upon race—such as that in the Tawana Brawley case, now back in the news.

Russell illustrates the racial hoax with two well-known cases—that of Susan Smith and Charles Stuart—and documents more than 70 additional racial hoaxes in the 10-year period between 1987-1996. Russell calls for harsher punishments for offenders in racial hoaxes, noting that "formidable and lasting damage occurs when racial stereotypes are manipulated and exploited for personal advantage."

"America's discussion of race and crime has to be expanded beyond Black crime," says Russell. Given that almost 70 percent of arrests in any given year are of Whites, she asks if we should refer to it as "White crime" or White-on-White" crime? And, armed with a J.D. from the University of California, Hastings, as well as a Ph.D. in criminology from the University of Maryland, she offers new ways of measuring racial discrimination in the criminal justice system.

Katheryn Russell

"More needs to be done to avoid the perpetration of half-facts about race and crime," she concludes.

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A selection of recent comments in the media by and about the University of Maryland and its people.

" There is no question but that the resolution of this crisis . . . is a positive score for Saddam Hussein,' says Shibley Telhami, a Middle East expert at the University of Maryland." *(Christian Science Monitor front page story on "Where Players Stand After Iraq Crisis, Nov. 21)*

"The Iraqis keep exceptionally meticulous records of their weapons programs, said Raymond Zilinskas, a biotechnology expert at the University of Maryland who served as a UN inspector in 1994. The question everybody has' is what the biological warfare records contain, he said. The speculation is that it probably has to be unsavory activities — unethical experimentation.'" *(International Herald Tribune front page story from the New York Times Service, Nov. 17)*

"President Clinton's racial advisory board explored the diversity of college campuses Wednesday without taking on the prickly subject of affirmative action. The discussion, held in the student center at the University of Maryland avoided Proposition 209, which ended affirmative-action programs in California government and education . . . University of Maryland President William Kirwan described the loss of his school's minority scholarship program as "one of the earliest casualties in a nationwide assault on affirmative-action programs." *(Associate Press story in the San Jose, Calif., Mercury News, Nov. 20)*

"House Speaker Newt Gingrich made a valid point last week when he lamented that President Clinton's commission to conduct a national dialogue on race relations lacks conservative membership. His remarks were in reaction to comments by historian John Hope Franklin, the commission's chairman, that Ward Connerly, the author of the anti-affirmative action law in California, could not add much to the commission's recent discussion of academic diversity, which was conducted at the University of Maryland. Gingrich is right. The objective is a dialogue, what Clinton himself has called a national conversation.' The reality, however, is a series of monologues, and Gingrich's party is as guilty as Clinton's for failing to listen." *(Scranton, Pa., Tribune editorial, "Two monologues don't make a dialogue," Nov. 24)*

"The prismatic nature of Thornton Wilder was explored this weekend at Wilder Rediscovered,' a Classics in Context festival at the Actors Theater of Louisville. In his talk called Wilder's Literary Legacy,' Jackson R. Bryer, a professor of English at the University of Maryland, set the tone for the weekend with a quotation from the author: What I seek everywhere is the mask under which human beings conceal their unhappiness.'" *(New York Times, Nov. 22)*

"Jane Shaab, executive director of the Greater Baltimore Committee Technology Council, stressed the importance of TES [Technology Extension Service] and other local technology resources. We have a panorama of such providers, such as the Dingman Center and the Maryland Center for Quality and Productivity, both also of the Business School [at the University of Maryland, College Park] that have evolved in the state and carved out a niche in problem-solving,' Shaab said." *(Daily Record, Baltimore, in a story on "Technology Extension Service Provides Technical Expertise and Problem Solving," Nov. 12)*

"...new developments show that spending more on alternatives might prove to be more effective than prison. First, a new University of Maryland study says prisons are filling up with people who probably wouldn't commit crimes again . . . The University of Maryland report, released this year and titled, "What Works, What Doesn't, What's Promising," was ordered by Congress to measure the effectiveness of the more than $3 billion in federal grants awarded to help communities prevent crime." *(From a front page five-part series on the cost of imprisonment in the Idaho Statesman, Nov. 19)*

FOR YOUR INTEREST

Celebrating Black History Month

Program offerings to be included within the February 1998 comprehensive Black History Month calendar should be submitted by Dec. 22. All departments were previously mailed a program listing form. If you need another form, or have questions, contact Velma Cotton at 314-8497.

Home Sweet Home

Beginning Jan. 4, the Maryland English Institute will be hosting 20 undergraduates, graduates and two teachers from Samara, Russia, for three weeks. These students will be visiting campus to work on their English skills and learn about American culture. MEI is looking for interested teachers, students and staff who would be willing to act as a host for one or two of its visitors.

Hosts are requested to attend a welcome reception on Jan. 5, provide one evening meal for the student/s on either Jan. 16, 17 or 18, and attend a farewell party on Jan. 23. For more information contact Denise Burns 405-0336 .

Porter Room Docents

The University of Maryland Libraries are in need of docents for the Katherine Anne Porter Room at McKeldin Library.

One of the major literary collections housed in the Library is that of the 20th century American writer Katherine Anne Porter. Docents are needed to give informal tours and information to the public visiting the Porter Room and the adjacent exhibition room. The area is open to the public two afternoons a week from 1 to 4:30 p.m., during the Fall and Spring semesters docents also may assist the staff of the department at special events held in the space, such as exhibitions, lectures, meetings and receptions.

Persons having an interest in history and literature, especially American, as well as skill in dealing with the public, are especially sought as docents. For more information on serving as a docent, contact Beth Alvarez at 405-9298.

Crime Prevention Conference

"Preventing Crime: What Works, What Doesn't, What's Promising," will bring nationally-renowned policy evaluation experts to College Park to offer insights on the scientific methods used in the congressionally-mandated study prepared earlier by the department of criminology and criminal justice. The conference will be held from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 18. Anyone wishing to get more information or attend the conference should contact Michael Buckley at 405-8426 or mbuckley@bss2.umd.edu.

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Tuesday, December 16

Training & Development Seminar

9 a.m. - noon "Interview the Applicant," instructs participants on planning, preparing and conducting an objective interview with a focus on techniques to be in compliance with the campus, state and federal requirements on Equal Employment Opportunity, Affirmative Action and other applicable employment laws. Registration required. 1101U Chesapeake Bldg. 5-5651.

Friday, December 19

Computer Training

1-4 p.m. "Web Spinner Clinic." TBA Computer & Space Sciences bldg. Open to faculty/staff only. 5-4261.*

Lecture

6 p.m. "Setting the Stage for Success - Turning on your Leadership Potential." 2146 Stamp Student Union. 4-7174

Thursday, January 1

Computer Training:

6-9 p.m. "Introduction to Microsoft Excel," this spreadsheet training workshop will cover the basics of manipulating workbooks (opening, closing and saving), selecting cells, ranges, sheets, manipulating ranges, working with labels and values, using functions, formulas, linking and cell addressing, working in multiple workbooks, freezing row/column titles and more. 5-2940.*

Tuesday, January 13

Training & Development Seminars

9 a.m. - noon "Make the Workplace Workable: Dealing with Difficult Customers & Coworkers," features coping strategies for handling those frustrating and irritating traits in others. Concentration will be on communication skills, situation assessment and stress management. Registration required. 1101U Chesapeake Bldg. 5-5651.

9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. "First Things First," is the third habit in Stephen Covey's 'Seven Habits of Highly Effective People.' The objective of the workshop is to empower participants to apply the six-step process once a week using the Seven Habits Organizer. Registration required. Van Munching Hall. 5-5651.*

Computer Training

2 p.m. "Web Clinic." 4404 Computer & Space Sciences Bldg. Open to faculty/staff only. 5-2938

Thursday, January 15

Training & Development Seminar

9 a.m. - noon "Sharpen Your Memory," introduces techniques and aids to enhance your memory retention skills and ability to recall details when needed. Registration required. 1101U Chesapeake Bldg. 5-5651.

Tuesday, January 20

Training & Development Seminar

9 a.m.-4 p.m. "Introduction to Supervision: Challenges and Choices," explores some of the change the new supervisor encounters and choices that the supervisor must make in order to succeed in a new role. Registration required. 1101U Chesapeake Bldg. 5-5651.*

Thursday, January 22

Training & Development Seminar

9 a.m. - noon "Contracts & Grant Compliance Workshop," provides an overview of regulatory and management requirements assumed by Principle Investigators and the university as recipients of federal funds. Registration required. 1101U Chesapeake Bldg. 5-5651.

Conference

9 a.m.-6 p.m.: "Shaping the Future of Mathematics and Science in Maryland," A Conference Showcasing Innovations in Mathematics and Science Teaching in Maryland. Keynote speakers: Norman Fortenberry, National Science Foundation; Gail Burrill , National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and James Rutherford, American Association for the Advancement of Science. University College Inn and Conference Center. Registration required. 5-1255.

Tuesday, January 27

Training & Development Seminar

9 a.m. - noon "Conflict Resolution," is the discussion on the differences between a hard and soft negotiator and participants will learn skill for successful and principled outcome. Emphasis will be on negotiating conflict at work and maintaining a professional working relationship. Registration required. 1101U Chesapeake Bldg. 5-5651.

Calendar phone numbers are listed as 4-xxxx or 5-xxxx stand for the prefix 314 or 405. Events are free and open to the public unless noted by an asterisk. Calendar information for Outlook is downloaded directly from inforM's master calendar, located on the internet at www.inform,umd,edu. Submission to inform can be made by email to: calendar@umail.umd.edu

Seasoned Seniors Make Helpful Service Corps

They march into departments like physics and chemistry to volunteer their time. As a part of their duties, they help whip students' 20-page term papers into shape at the Writing Center. Their brigade meets periodically to talk, socialize and compare notes about what they've learned here at the university. This legion of seasoned seniors make up the Retired Volunteer Service Corps (RVSC) and right now they're looking for a few more good men and women.

Initiated more than 20 years ago, the Retired Volunteer Service Corps comprises of more than 85 retired faculty and seniors from the community who volunteer in departments throughout campus, says Jed Collard, coordinator of the RVSC.

Collard is not a stranger to the university or the RVSC. A graduate of Maryland in 1955, Collard recalls a time when basketball games were played in Ritchie Coliseum and the campus consisted of just the buildings around the Mall. He proudly notes that his class was the first to have commencement in Cole Field House.

"I know the university and love it very much," Collard says.

So who makes a good candidate for the Retired Volunteer Service Corp? "The volunteers are people who don't want to sit back and grow old in a rocking chair," Collard says. "We want to lead fruitful and productive working lives because when you stay active, you stay young."

Volunteers work in nearly 30 departments on campus, ranging from the Career Center to the School of Architecture. What the volunteer depends on his or her skill, interest and pre-retirement career. "The volunteers come from a variety of backgrounds," says Collard, who volunteered for four years in the Writing Center before becoming coordinator of the program. "The tasks vary according to the interest of the person volunteering, as well as the needs of the department," he adds.

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—Jed Collard

The RVSC volunteers work the number of hours which are convenient to them and for their efforts, they get a number of "fringe benefits," Collard says. Volunteers receive free parking on campus and a RVSC identification card which allows them free rides on the UM Shuttle. The RVSC also has a few parties each year, including a reception at Pres. William E. Kirwan's residence in the spring, as well as regular brown bag luncheons. Collard says the group is currently planning to catch a men's and a women's basketball game this season.

"It gives volunteers from different departments a chance to interact with each other," he says.

Collard says the program not only benefits the seniors, but also the students and staff who work with the volunteers, as well as the university overall.

Since 1980, Leigh Ryan, director of the Writing Center, has had RVSC seniors volunteering at the center which provides students with assistance with their papers.

"I think it's a wonderful resource," says Ryan, noting that some of the RVSC volunteers have worked in the Writing Center since 1980.

The Retired Volunteer Service Corps is currently seeking senior volunteers to participate in the program. For more information, contact Collard at (301) 266-4750 or e-mail to jcollard@umdacc.umd.edu.